

Subject: Netscape Update (12/13/00) - long

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1) Deadlines

Mar. 15th - Mailhub is powered down.

Feb. 2nd - Mailhub is taken out of the MX record so it is no longer used for any mail functions.

Jan. 7th - Mailhub directory will only sync with LDAP directory, no more X.500 uploads permitted.

(All NOAA users must be in an LDAP directory)

Dec. 31st - All OAR users must be in the LDAP directory.

Obviously the most important deadline is the next one. We've only got two weeks left to get all of the OAR users into the directory. We're actually in pretty good shape. To check on the migration status for each line office take a look at <http://docs.nems.noaa.gov/migration2.html> and a break down of each site can be found at <http://docs.nems.noaa.gov/migration4.html>. Each of these sites was updated yesterday (Dec. 12th). If users aren't in the directory by the 31st of December I will start moving them into the directory from here and setting their mail forwarding address to the local address found in the X.500 uploads.

2) Mail Relay - The Mail Relay was added to the MX record as the primary unit for @noaa.gov mail, the old mailhub is secondary. It seems to be working with out any problems. In addition, after they were reconfigured the anti-virus filters are working for all mail sent to @noaa.gov addresses. The next step is to implement the 2nd mail relay unit in Seattle which is scheduled for Feb. 2nd. I got a question from one of the labs about whether there would be a mail relay for boulder and according to the MCB the answer is No. They originally had one in the budget but it was nixed by Tom Pyke, so maybe next year. Fortunately, the mail relays that will be in place shouldn't have any problems with the load.

3) Calendar - iPlanet 5.0p1 has been installed and is still being tested by the MOC to see if it meets the NOAA calendar requirements.

4) NARA (National Archives and Records Administration) - The remainder of this MCB meeting was taken up by a presentation for NARA on archiving requirements. It was a fairly length presentation, but the most important part (from a mail point of view) was the policy on archiving e-mail.

The current policy is to print and file. This means that any electronic file, including e-mail, that is deemed a "record" must be printed out and filed. There is no Electronic Record Archiving system in place. Individual users are required to file their own documents (and e-mails) physically, mail administrators are Not responsible for keeping archives of all e-mails. A few other agencies are moving to an electronic filing system for their records, but OAR hasn't done that yet so we are still bound by the print and file system. This issue involves a lot of policy and I'm sure there will be further discussion on it with management and that they will be forth coming with some sort of guidance. If you are interested in more details you can visit the NARA website (<http://www.nara.gov/>).

5) Server Problems - I've heard from some of you that are having problems with SMTP services stopping on the NT platform. If any one else is having similar problems (on any platform) please let me know. The NWS is having a similar problem with their NT servers and we are trying to resolve the issue with

Netscape.

If you have any issues that you would like brought to the attention of the MCB or if you need any assistant with your directory migration please let me know.

thanks,

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